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5 In an interactive display interface, an implementation
for highlighting all icons in any set of a plurality of the
~~said~~ icons, wherein each icon in the set is within a prede-
termined distance of an approaching pointer or cursor. In
other words, the point of the pointer or cursor may be
10 considered to be surrounded by a circular halo with a radius
of said predetermined distance. The user moves the cursor
in a standard manner. However, if the icons that the moving
cursor is approaching are so densely spaced that more than
one, ~~i.e. a plurality of icons come~~ icon comes within the
15 halo, then all of the icons within this set of the plurality
of icons is highlighted to give the user a more distinct
choice. The highlighting of each of ~~said~~ the highlighted
icons is ended when the pointer moves outside of the ~~said~~
predetermined distance or halo radius. ~~There is also an~~
20 ~~implementation for sequentially highlighting each icon in~~
~~the set instead of simultaneously highlighting the set of~~
~~icons. This is particularly effective where the icons are~~
~~overlapped or stacked.~~ --

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